

REMARKS

Claims 2-7 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 8 and 11-15 have been amended and claim 16 have been added. Claims 1, 8, 11-15 and 16 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. Claims 1, 3 and 8 currently stand objected to.

Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to obviate the objections.

2. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7 currently stand rejected for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,768,301 to Hohe (hereinafter "Hohe").

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 6, which has been indicated in the Official Action to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten to no longer depend from a rejected basis claim. Accordingly, claim 1 has been rewritten to include the features of claim 6.

Claims 3-5 and 7 have been cancelled.

3. The allowance of claims 8-15 is noted and appreciated.

Claim 8 has been amended to obviate the objection in the Official Action.

4. The indication that claim 6 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowed if amended to no longer depend from a rejected claim is noted and appreciated.

Claim 6 depended from claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 6.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 8, 11-15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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